

Murphy House
SM-681
132 Three Notch Road (MD 235)
California vicinity
Circa 1948
Private

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This one-story gable-roof frame and stone house is a common example of the type of dwelling that was constructed during the mid-twentieth century. Houses built during this time typically consisted of 1 or 1.5-story frame or brick dwellings in Cape Cod, bungalow and ranch styles. They commonly had gable roofs (both front and side facing), multi-pane double-hung sash and tripartite picture windows, and minimal decorative details such as brick window sills, shutters and sometimes simple moldings or pilasters at the main entry. Variations on the basic type included concrete block construction (sometimes stucco covered) and a hipped roof. These house types, which feature similar massing, shape and materials, were built in large numbers following World War II.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-681

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other **Murphy House**

2. Location

street & number **132 Three Notch Road (MD 235)** ☐ not for publication

city, town **California** ☒ vicinity

county **St. Mary's**

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name **William J. Murphy**

street & number **130 Three Notch Road** telephone

city, town **California** state and zip code **MD 20619**

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. **St. Mary's County Courthouse** tax map and parcel **34-71**

city, town **Leonardtown** liber and folio **121/498**

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			<u>0</u>	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The residence at 132 Three Notch Road (MD 235) is located approximately 125 feet east of the road in an area characterized by mixed residential and commercial uses. Several mature trees and shrubs surround the house and a small frame shed is situated east of the dwelling. A semi-circular gravel driveway runs along the west side of the property.

The 1-story ell-shaped stone veneer and frame building is supported by a concrete block foundation. The house has an asphalt shingle gable roof with a central brick chimney. A one-story gable-roof addition covered with wood siding extends from the north end of the dwelling and a shed-roof carport is appended to the south end of the building. A brick chimney extends through the center of the main block and a concrete block chimney rises along the northeast corner of the enclosed porch. Windows throughout the house consist of two-over-two and one-over-one double-hung sash.

The west, or main, elevation contains a one-over-one window in the north addition, a tripartite window with fixed center sash flanked by two-over-two windows in the north bay of the main block, a door in the center bay, and a set of paired two-over-two windows in the south ell. A cut-away entry porch is located in the northwest corner of the ell. The north elevation contains three two-over-two windows. The east elevation contains two two-over-two windows in the main block. The east elevation of the enclosed porch includes three windows in the north end; a door and a three-light fixed sash window area located in the south end. The south elevation, protected by the car port, contains three two-over-two windows.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			<input type="checkbox"/> maritime		
			<input type="checkbox"/> history		
			<input type="checkbox"/> military		

Specific dates Circa 1948 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

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It is unlikely that historic or prehistoric archeological resources are preserved on this property. The extensive disturbance typically associated with construction during the last 50 years is likely to have displaced any archeological resources that may have been on this property. Similarly, commercial and residential development in the vicinity make the survival of archeological resources on adjacent properties unlikely.

Historical documentation does not indicate that this resource is associated with Criterion A, broad patterns of history or a significant event or Criterion B, an important person who contributed to local or state history. The property does not embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction nor does it represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value; therefore, Criterion C, architecture, does not apply. Lastly, the property is unlikely to yield information which contributes to our understanding of human history. As a result of recent modern development in the immediate area, the property lacks integrity of association, feeling and setting. Alteration to the dwelling have compromised its integrity of design, materials, workmanship and location.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments:	
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date: 1/25/99
Reviewer, NR program	Date: 1/16/98

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Southern Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Modern Period A.D. 1930 - Present

Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category:

Building

Historic Environment:

Urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Dwelling

Known Design Source:

None

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland, 1634-1990. Ridge, MD (privately published), 1991.
Hughes, Elizabeth. Final Report - St. Mary's County Historic Sites Survey. Valley Lee, St. George Island, Bay and Patuxent Districts. St. Mary's County Department of Planning and Zoning, 1995.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property 0.98 acres
Acreeage surveyed 0.98 acres
Quadrangle name Hollywood, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 71 Map 34 Grid 17

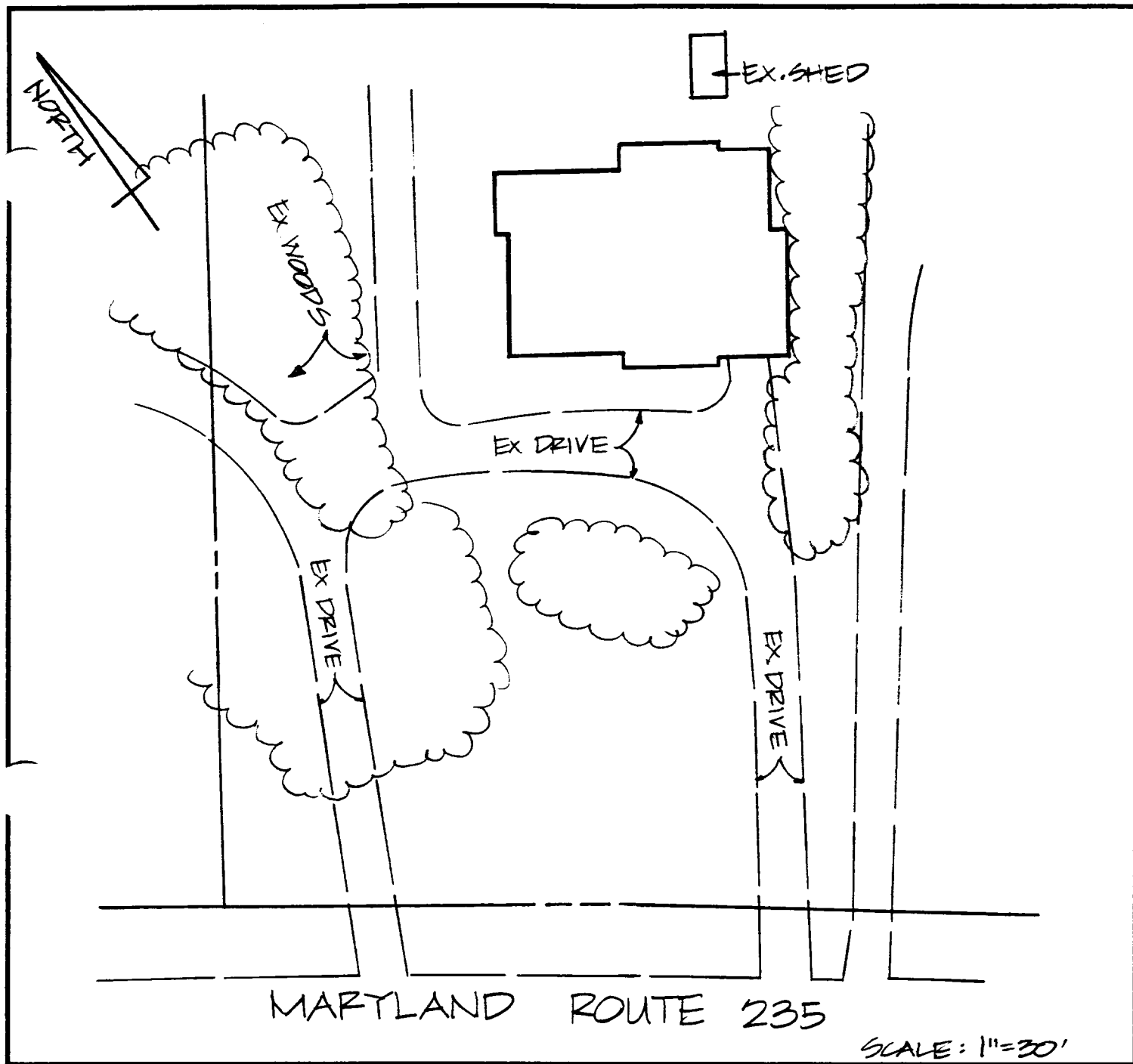
11. Form Prepared By

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city or town	Hunt Valley	state and zip code	MD 21030-1888

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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 Murphy House, 132 Three Notch Road
 California Vicinity, St. Mary's Co.
 Resource Sketch Map

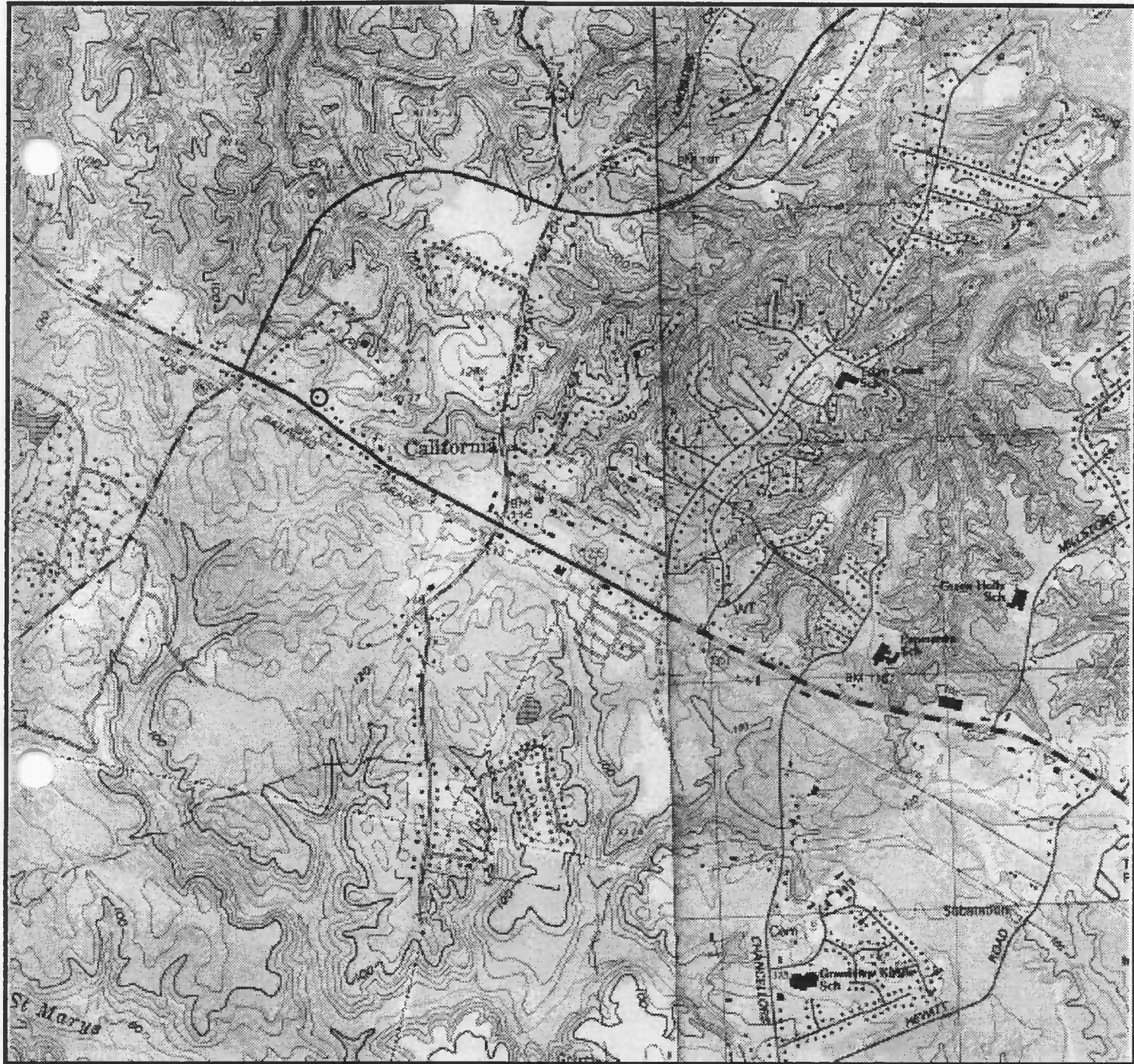


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 ADMINISTRATION

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 HUNT VALLEY, MD 21030
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MD 235: MD 4 to MD 246
 St. Mary's County, MD

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 Murphy House, 132 Three Notch Road
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 Hollywood, MD USGS Quad
 1963 (Rev. 1984); Solomons Is., MD 1987



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Scale: 1"=2,000'



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MD 235

W + S elev. looking NE

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E + N elev. Looking SW)

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